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This report contains the results from the **2007 Fruit, Nuts, and Vegetable Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and in more detailed U.S. statistics at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires or interviews for these surveys.

2007 Arkansas Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Highlights Peach and Grape Crops Devastated by April Freeze

The 2007 crop year was a very difficult one for many of the fruit and vegetable growers in Arkansas. Above normal temperatures during the late part of winter and the early part of spring were followed by a freeze during the Easter weekend after many producers had vegetables planted and fruit trees had bloomed. Nearly all areas of the state were affected by this freeze.

Blueberries: Area of blueberries harvested was 150 acres in 2007, down 72 percent from 2006. Yield per acre was 467 pounds, down 2,553 pounds per acre from last year. Utilized production was 70,000 pounds, down drastically from the 1.6 million pounds in 2006. The season average price for the 2007 crop was \$1.64 per pound yielding a total value of the crop at \$115,000 dollars.

Grapes: Bearing acres of grapes was 750 acres, up 50 acres from 2006. The yield for 2007 was cut by 80 percent from 2006 to 0.67 ton per acre, down from last year's 3.29 tons per acre. Utilized production for 2007 was only 500 tons.

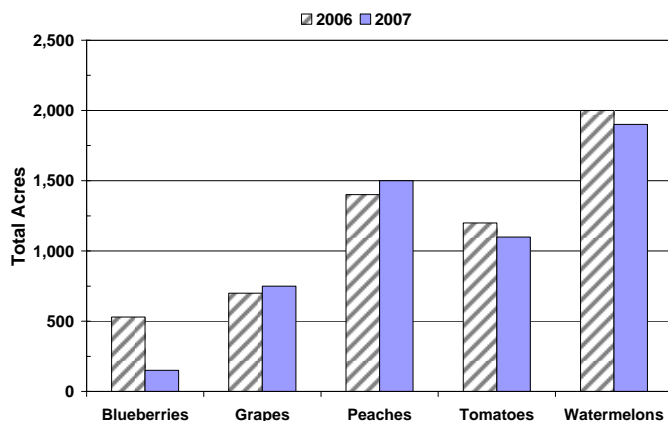
Peaches: Bearing acres of peaches was 1,500 acres, up 100 acres from 2006. The crop yield for 2007 was 0.01 ton per acre, down from last year's 3.0 tons per acre, while the utilized production was only 10 tons, down 3,840 tons, a drastic reduction from last year. The season average price was \$1,300 per ton, up \$270 per ton from last year, while the total value of production was only \$13,000, down from the \$3.97 million in 2006.

Pecans: Pecan production is forecast at 2.3 million pounds in 2007, up 100,000 pounds from the 2006 crop. The average price per pound is forecast at \$0.93, down from the \$1.24 per pound from 2006. The total value of the crop is forecast at \$2.14 million, down \$594,000 from last year.

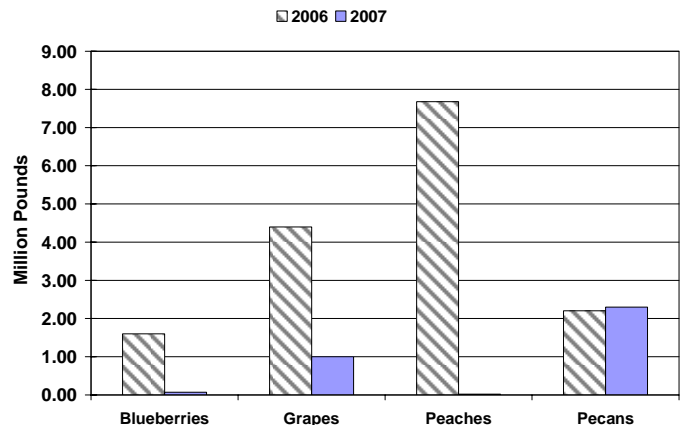
Tomatoes: Area of tomatoes harvested for 2007 was 1,100 acres, down 100 acres from last year. Average yield per acre was 135 hundredweight (cwt) per acre, down 47 percent from the 255 cwt per acre from 2006. Total production was 149,000 cwt, down from the 306,000 cwt last year. The average price received was \$45 per cwt, with the total value of the crop at \$6.71 million.

Watermelons: Area of watermelons harvested for 2007 was 1,900 acres, down 100 acres from last year. Average yield per acre was 220 cwt, up from last year's yield of 185 cwt per acre. Total 2007 production was 418,000 cwt, up 48,000 cwt from last year's crop. The season average price was \$10.50 per cwt, up \$1.20 from last year. The total value of the crop was \$4.39 million, up from the \$3.44 million for the 2006 crop.

Arkansas Fruit and Vegetable Acres Harvested



Arkansas Fruit and Nut Utilized Production



2007 United States Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Highlights

Blueberries: Total utilized production of blueberries was 283 million pounds with a season average price of \$1.83 per pound. The total value of the crop was \$517 million.

Grapes: Utilized grape production totaled 6.73 million tons with a season average price of \$502 per ton for all types. The total value of the crop was \$3.38 billion.

Peaches: Utilized production was 1.1 million tons of peaches with a season average price of \$453 per ton. The total value of the crop was \$499 million dollars.

Pecans: Utilized pecan production was 349 million pounds with a season average price of \$1.08 per pound. The total value of the crop was \$376 million.

Tomatoes: Total production was 37 million cwt of fresh market tomatoes with a season average price of \$34.50 per cwt. The total value of the crop was \$1.28 billion.

Watermelons: Total fresh market production of watermelons was 42.9 million cwt with a season average price of \$11.10 per cwt. The total value of the crop was \$476 million.

Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Production, Arkansas and United States, 2006-2007

Commodity	Utilized Production		Price per Unit		Value of Utilized Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Blueberries	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	1,600	70	1.55	1.64	2,486	115
United States	282,520	282,930	1.76	1.83	497,966	516,748
Grapes	<i>Tons</i>		<i>Dollars per Ton</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	2,200	500	621	¹	1,366	¹
United States	6,365,850	6,728,650	519	502	3,303,668	3,380,634
Peaches	<i>Tons</i>		<i>Dollars per Ton</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	3,850	10	1,030	1,300	3,970	13
United States	987,080	1,101,185	520	453	512,867	498,623
Pecans	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	2,200	2,300	1.240	0.932	2,738	2,144
United States	206,300	349,155	1.550	1.080	320,643	376,063
Tomatoes	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	306	149	51.00	45.00	15,606	6,705
United States	36,809	37,032	44.00	34.50	1,618,533	1,277,559
Watermelons	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	370	418	9.30	10.50	3,441	4,389
United States	42,245	42,869	10.30	11.10	436,805	476,209

¹ Estimate included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.